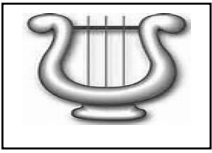


MU CAREER PATH (SW)

Musicians (MU) perform on one or more designated instruments to provide ceremonial and entertainment services afloat and ashore; enhance Navy presence and coalition building initiatives; support Navy recruiting goals and objectives; inspire patriotism; elevate esprit de corps; enhance retention and pride in the naval service; enhance community awareness and public relations; and provide services that project a positive United States and Navy image both at home and abroad; perform other music-related tasks as may be required in performance of the rating.					
YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO PROMOTE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/ShORE FLOW	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT
26-30	MUCM	22.1 Yrs	CMC	Not Defined	Billet: SEL/Assistant Director. Duty: Band/School. Qualification: 3851.
23-26	MUCM	22.1 Yrs	CMC, CSC	Not Defined	Billet: SEL/Assistant Director. Duty: Band/School. Qualification: 3851.
20-23	MUCM MUCS	22.1 Yrs 19	CMC, CSC	Not Defined	Billet: SEL/Assistant Director. Duty: Band/School. Qualification: 3851.
16-20	MUCS MUC	19 Yrs 12.5	LDO, OCS, MECP, CSC	Not Defined	Billet: Instrumentalist/Vocalist Unit Leader(UL)/SEL. Duty: Band. Qualification: 3853(UL)/ 3851(SEL).
12-16	MUC MU1	12.5 Yrs 4.8		Not Defined	Billet: Instrumentalist/Vocalist. Duty: Band. Qualification: 3853.
8-12	MU1 MU2	4.8 Yrs 5		Not Defined	Billet: Instrumentalist/Vocalist. Duty: Band. Qualification: Audition.
4-8	MU1 MU2	4.8 Yrs 5	STA-21, OCS, MECP	Not Defined	Billet: Instrumentalist/Vocalist. Duty: Band. Qualification: Audition.
1-4	MU3	1.4 Yrs	Naval Academy, NROTC	Not Defined	Billet: Instrumentalist/Vocalist. Duty: Band. Qualification: Audition.
1+/-	MU3 MUSN MUSA Accession Training	9 Months			Recruit Training and all schools or training events required to be completed prior to reporting to their first operational command..
YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO PROMOTE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/ShORE FLOW	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT



MU CAREER PATH (SW)

Notes:

GENERAL INFORMATION: The MU rating is divided into two separate categories (preferentially staffed-Band and Fleet MU):

1. **Preferentially Staffed-BAND MU (GROUP 1)**

a. These MUs are specifically recruited or selected for preferentially staffed-duty assignments with the following units (non-rotating duty):

(1) United States Navy Band, Washington, DC (Presidential-Support Duty)

(2) Naval Academy Band, U.S. Naval Academy (Service Academy Support Duty)

b. Selection criteria for assignment to U.S. Navy Band and Naval Academy Band are based solely on exceptional instrumental or vocal ability.

c. Candidates serving as Section Leaders, Unit Leaders, CPOICs and those broken-out by evaluation should be considered front-runners.

d. Due to the non-rotating nature of these assignments, careful consideration should be given to the balance of selections between activities:

(1) United States Navy Band – Authorized Manning: 172

(2) Naval Academy Band – Authorized Manning: 50

2. **FLEET MU (Group 2)**

a. Career path and advancement opportunities for Fleet MUs are, for the most part, similar to any other rating (i.e., Boot Camp, “A” and “C” Schools, sea-overseas/shore rotation and progression into leadership positions).

(1) While some MUs are ESWS qualified, limited opportunities for sea duty prevent many others from obtaining warfare qualifications, therefore lack of a warfare pin, even if on sea duty, should not be considered adverse for otherwise excellent candidates. Sea duty assignments:

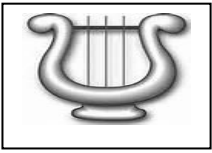
- SEVENTH Fleet Band (Type 4 Duty) (USS Blue Ridge)

Other deploying activities:

- U.S. Fleet Forces Band (Type 1 Duty, but deploys on various platforms ISO annual UNITAS, and other humanitarian and Theater Security Cooperation type deployments)

- U.S. Naval Forces Europe (Type 6 Duty, but deploys on various platforms ISO Africa Partnership Station, Black Sea Cruises, Horn of Africa, and other humanitarian and Theater Security Cooperation type deployments)

- PACIFIC Fleet Band (Type 1 Duty, but deploys on various platforms ISO humanitarian and Theater Security Cooperation type deployments)



MU CAREER PATH (SW)

(2) Special assignments (MU1, MUC and MUCS):

- Headquarters duty; Program Mgmt Office (PERS-4014)
- Assistant Director (“de facto” AOIC of a Fleet band)
- Navy Recruiter
- RDC, RTC Great Lakes
- Instructor Duty
- Center for Service Support Duty (Rating SME)

b. Qualifications/considerations for Fleet MU E7 competing for E8:

(1) MU “C” School to include: Intermediate Course, Unit Leader Course (NEC 3853), Ceremonial Conductor/Drum Major Course (NEC 3854), Enlisted Bandleader (NEC 3851), or Senior Musician Course (NEC 3851) or a waiver of “C” School requirement by PERS-4014 (Note: *waiver is not needed by HQ staff personnel due to the selective nature of HQ Staff duty, coupled with lack of opportunity to demonstrate performance requirements while on staff duty*).

(2) Fleet E7s serve as Unit Leaders, LCPOs, Ops CPOs, ADMIN CPOs, CPOICs and in special assignments.

c. Qualifications/considerations for Fleet MU E8 competing for E9:

(1) Must possess NEC 3851 or a waiver of “C” School requirement by PERS-4014.

(2) Fleet E8s serve as Assistant Directors/Collateral Duty Command Senior Chiefs, but may also serve as Unit Leaders, LCPOs, Ops CPOs, ADMIN CPOs, CPOICs and in any other special assignments [NOTE: Ass’t Directors of **Small Fleet Bands (35-mbrs)** are Senior Chief billets & Ass’t Directors of **Large Fleet Bands (45-mbrs)** are Master Chief billets].